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SUBJECT: PLANNING FOR UNITAS VISIT TO PORT OF SPAIN

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1. IN A LENGTHY CONSULTATION WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO COAST GUARD COMMANDANT, MERVYN WILLIAMS, MAY 5, HE CONFIRMED ALL UNDERSTANDINGS WHICH WERE PROVIDED EARLIER IN REF A.
2. WE APPRECIATE INFORMATION WHICH WAS PROVIDED IN REF B AND WHICH WAS HELPFUL IN OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE. WE WILL NOW PROCEED TO CONFIRM FORMAL TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GOVERNMENT PERMISSION FOR THE VISIT BUT WE CONSIDER THIS AS VIRTUALLY A FOREGONE CONCLUSION.
3. REGARDING A PLANNING MEETING IN JUNE FOR PROPOSED TRAINING EXERCISES BY THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO COAST GUARD IN CONNECTION WITH THE ARRIVAL AND/OR SORTIE OF THE UNITAS UNITS IN NOVEMBER, COMMANDER WILLIAMS WILL INFORM US SHORTLY WHETHER OR NOT HE WILL BE ABLE TO PROCEED TO ROOSEVELT ROADS FOR A PLANNING MEETING IN RESPONSE TO COMSOLANT'S INVITATION. HOWEVER, I ANTICIPATE
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THAT IT WILL PROBABLY WORK OUT THAT AN OFFICER OF COMSOLANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO COME FOR CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMANDER AND HIS OFFICERS HERE IN PORT OF SPAIN AT A MUTUALLY AGREED TIME IN JUNE. IN CONSIDERING DATES FOR SUCH A PLANNING CONSULTATION, COMMANDER WILLIAMS POINTED OUT THAT IT WILL BE PREFERABLE TO HIM IF THE PLANNING CAN TAKE PLACE AS EARLY IN JUNE AS

POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY NOT LATER THAN JUNE 20, SINCE HE ANTICIPATES DEPARTING FOR LONDON ABOUT THAT TIME TO REPRESENT TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AT THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE FESTIVAL AND ACCOMPANYING BRITISH NAVY CEREMONIES. WILLIAMS POINTED OUT THAT HE WISHED PERSONALLY TO BE PRESENT WHEN THE PLANNING SESSION WAS HELD.

4. PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF OUR UNDERSTANDING IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REF B. COMMANDER WILLIAMS AGAIN EMPHASIZED HIS FEELING THAT THE PUBLICITY IN 1976 WHICH SEEMED TO LINK TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WITH JOINT OPERATIONS IN THE UNITAS CONTEXT, AND WHICH INCLUDED SUCH OTHER GOVERNMENTS AS CHILE, HAD BEEN A PARAMOUNT REASON FOR THE VIST BEING CANCELLED. BY THE TRINIDAD GOVERNMENT. RICH

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